IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HIROYUKI KAWAE ET AL. Confirmation No.: 1848

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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request to be advised of the status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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